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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN VISIT TO MALAYSIA; KOREAN ISSUE IN 30TH
UNGA

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1. ACCORDING ROK EMBASSY COUNSELLOR KIM, NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION
HEADED BY DEPUTY PREMIER/FOREIGN MINISTER HO TAM WILL VISIT
KUALA LUMPUR AUG 3 - 6. HO TAM WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FIVE
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OFFICIALS, MAINLY FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND WILL REVIEW

FOREIGN RELATIONS ISSUES WITH GOM, INCLUDING NON-ALIGNED MEMBERSHIP AND UNGA RESOLUTION. GOM, ACCORDING KIM WILL GIVE DPRK OFFICIALS HIGH LEVEL TREATMENT AS "STATE VISITORS": DPRK DELEGATION WILL ALSO VISIT JAKARTA, BUT NOT SINGAPORE.

2. KIM ACCUSED DPRK EMBASSY AND AMBASSADOR JONG SONG MUN OF UNETHICAL CONDUCT IN SEEKING TO PLACE PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON ROK AND U.S. IN LOCAL PRESS. AT TIME OF PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS JUN 30, JONG REPORTEDLY HELD PRESS INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE ENCOURAGED NEWSPAPERS TO PRINT ANTI-U.S. AND ANTI-ROK DIATRIBES. ROK AMBASSADOR HAS PROTESTED THIS BEHAVIOR TO GOM FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH HAS TAKEN LINE THAT IT DOES NOT CONDONE USE OF MEDIA OR PUBLIC FORA TO CRITICIZE THIRD NATIONS WITH WHICH GOM HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS. ROK EMBASSY WILL BE ALERT TO ANY UNFAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE RESULTING FROM VISIT OF DPRK DELEGATION NEXT WEEK. (COMMENT: NORTH KOREA HAS IN FACT RECEIVED LITTLE PLAY IN LOCAL MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS PROFILE OF DPRK EMBASSY HAS BEEN VERY LOW.)

3. ON KOREAN ISSUE IN UNGA, KIM SAID MEETING OF LOCAL RESIDENT CO-SPONSORS WILL BE CONVENED AFTER AUG 6 WHEN BRITISH EXPECT TO RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM LONDON. CHARGE CONFIRMED SEPARATELY WITH BRITISH CHARGE THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN POUCHED FROM LONDON. ALSO, NETHERLANDS CHARGE HAS NOW BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PARTICIPATE IN LOBBYING EFFORT THERE (SEE PARA 2 REF B). HOWEVER, HIS RECENT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT GOM CO-SPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY UNGA RESOLUTION IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, BUT GOM'S OPTIONS ON AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IN UNGA ARE BEING HELD OPEN. (THIS IS ALSO OUR ASSESSMENT.)

4. KIM ALSO SAID GOM IS "HOLDING FIRM" ON PRO-ROK POSITION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, ALTHOUGH GOM HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THEM THAT ITS FINAL POSITION AT LIMA CONFERENCE WILL BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER ASEAN NON-ALIGNED NATIONS (INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE). ROK AMBASSADOR SANG JIN CHYUN WILL LEAVE K.L. FOR LIMA NEXT WEEK TO ASSIST IN LOBBYING EFFORT AT NON-ALIGNED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFERENCE (CHYUN WAS FORMERLY ACCREDITED TO PERU).

5. COMMENT: GOM'S POSITION ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN UNGA AND ROK MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WILL TO CONSIDERABLE DEGREE DEPEND UPON AMOUNT OF PRESSURE FROM DPRK AND ITS ALLIES AND ON NATURE OF CONSENSUS ACHIEVED AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY IN REFTELS, THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO HOPE THAT GOM WILL

CO-SPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN UNGA, BUT NEITHER WILL
IT LEAP TO OTHER SIDE.
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